STAND. COM. REP. NO. 855

Honolulu, Hawaii March 8, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 638 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2011 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 638, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure public support and confidence in elected officials by requiring the use of the instant runoff voting method for elections for county offices in which no primary election is held, and in special elections that would normally be subject to a runoff election if a candidate was not elected by majority vote in the initial special election.

Common Cause Hawaii, Americans for Democratic Action/Hawaii, and several concerned individuals supported this bill. A concerned individual opposed this bill. The Office of Elections and FairVote offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 638, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 638, HD J	Committee Referral: JUD, FIN		Date: 3/2/11	
 The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. 				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)				
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)				
3. CHONG, Pono				~
4. CHOY, Isaac W.				
5. COFFMAN, Denny	L			
6. CULLEN, Ty				
7. HAR, Sharon E.	V			
8. HASHEM, Mark J.	<i>v</i>			
9. ICHIYAMA, Linda				
10. JORDAN, Jo	-			
11. LEE, Chris	<u> </u>			
12. MORIKAWA, Dee	~			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	<i>L</i>			-
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.				~
15. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.				
16. RIVIERE, Gil	~			
17. WARD, Gene	~ ~			
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TOTAL (17)	14	\mathcal{O}	0	3
The recommendation is: Adopted I Not Adopted did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:Mail B. Hee				
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